REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendments, this application will contain claims 2, 3, and 73-116 pending and under consideration. The application was originally filed with claims 1-72. In a Preliminary Amendment claims 1 and 4-72 were canceled. In this Response claim 73 has been amended and new claims 74-116 have been added.

In an Office Communication dated February 11, 2003, a restriction to one of the following distinct species was required:

Fig. 1	Fig. 28	Fig. 43
Fig. 3	Fig. 29	Fig. 44
Fig. 5	Fig. 35	Fig. 45
Fig. 7	Fig. 38	Fig. 46
Fig. 25	Fig. 39	
Fig. 26	Fig. 40	
Fig. 27	Fig. 41	

The present application contains Figs. 1-59. It is noted that Figs. 47-49 illustrate a various embodiments of bone dowels. While the species illustrated in Figs. 47, 48 and 49 were not specifically listed in the present Restriction Requirement, the parent application, USSN 10/114,675 (now abandoned) listed the implants illustrated in Figs. 47-49 as distinct species, which were subsequently examined together. In present application, the Applicants desire to pursue claims that also cover the implants illustrated in Figs. 47-49. Accordingly new claims 74-116 have been added in this Response. Furthermore, it is believed claims 2, 3, and 73 are generic to at least Figs. 47, 48, and 49. Examination of these three species in the present application is requested.

The Applicants respectfully request that this Response be considered as substantially complying with the Restriction Requirement or in the alternative that a subsequent restriction requirement by issued.

The Applicants respectfully request timely examination of this application leading to allowance of all elected claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned

attorney by telephone if there are any questions about this Response or other issues that may be resolved in that fashion.

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